

SUPREME COURT DECIDES NO MORE BOOZE CAN BE SOLD

LARGE STOCK ON HAND NOT UP TO COURT

MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WHISKEY WILL BE LEFT ON HANDS OF DISTILLERS—THOSE WHO SOLD UNDER TEMPORARY INJUNCTIONS LIALE TO PROSECUTION.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—In a decision handed down today—the Supreme Court declared war time prohibition constitutional. Enforcement of the act must continue until peace is proclaimed, the court proclaimed.

This decision means a death blow to the liquor interest which have millions of gallons of whiskey on hand, unless peace is declared before January 16, the date when national prohibition goes into effect.

The decision of the court today brings up another phase of the case, and permits of the prosecution of all liquor dealers in the various cities who sold liquor under temporary restraining orders granted by district judges.

In Louisville 1,600 car loads of whiskey are standing on sidings awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court. They must now be unloaded, and unless Congress passes a relief act the whiskey will probably be emptied into the gutter.

Cases are pending now at New Orleans, Louisville, Baltimore and other cities against retail dealers who took advantage of the temporary restraining orders to sell whiskey.

ALL TRAINS RESTORED.

Service Through Palatka was Not Effected by Strike.

All trains taken off in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the fuel administrator, have been restored, effective this morning at 12:01 o'clock. None of the trains through Palatka were effected by the orders, but trains connecting with those through Palatka were effected.

It was also announced that the winter tourist trains, which would have been annulled had the strike continued, will start about December 20 on the East Coast and Atlantic Coast Line. Travel has been considerably lighter during the last ten days due to the fuel orders. Many who desired to come to Florida were afraid to start because there was danger of being stopped along the way by lack of transportation.

MOONLIGHT AERO JOY RIDE.

Party of Five Make Trip From Key West to Miami and Return.

KEY WEST, Dec. 15—A moonlight flight was made from Miami to Key West a few nights ago by a party consisting of two ladies and three gentlemen. Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bowman, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Miss Pauline M. Lyman, of Fort Worth, Texas; F. M. Blotner, of New York, and M. B. Blanchard, of Miami.

Miss Lyman is a fearless feminine flyer who has won distinction by her feats while on the wing during the last three years.

The moonlight flight was made in plane belonging to the Aero Limit Corporation.

Members of the party stated that the chain of Florida keys are simply grand when viewed by mellow moonlight.

NO DECISION YET AS TO WHERE BIG EXPO SITE TO BE

COMMISSION WRANGLES ALL DAY SATURDAY WITHOUT COMING TO A DECISION—TALK OF MANDAMUS TO FORCE THE FOUR CITY PLAN—TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 15—After consuming the entire day Saturday in argument, the Florida Centennial Commission is no nearer a solution of its dilemma than it has been since its first meeting. The apparent desire of the majority members of the body to split the centennial celebration in four ways despite the ruling of the attorney-general that such action was illegal, still is the cause of the deadlock rather than any factional or sectional fight in the committee itself.

The commission, prior to adjournment adopted a resolution providing for another meeting in this city on Dec. 27, at which time it is hoped that a decision may be had.

All members of the commission, W. G. Brorein, chairman, Tampa; J. M. Burguires, West Palm Beach; John B. Jones, Pensacola; W. A. Williams, St. Augustine; and J. J. Logan, Jacksonville, were present at the meeting today. The factional fight which developed at the last meeting in this city still is being vigorously waged. Messrs. Brorein, Burguires and Logan favoring the four-city plan, while Messrs. Jones and MacWilliams hold that the act creating the commission does not permit of splitting the centennial. The majority headed by Mr. Brorein, insists that the commission has legal advice that the four-way split is legal and declines to recede from its former stand. The minority maintains that the commission is vested with no such power, and at Saturday's meeting Commissioner MacWilliams offered a motion that the previous action of the commission be recalled and that the commission proceed to designate some one city in the state as the scene of the celebration. This precipitated the argument which continued throughout the session.

Board of Mandamus Commission.

John S. Beard, spokesman for the Pensacola delegation, issued a statement expressing disgust with the action, or rather non-action, of the commission and announced his intention of stopping over in Tallahassee on his way home for the purpose of initiating court proceedings to mandamus the commission and compel it to render a decision locating the centennial in some particular city. The matter is expected to ultimately reach the state supreme court through this channel and the powers of the commission under the act be defined in an opinion by that body.

BASKET BALL PRACTICE

All basket ball men or any others who may be interested are asked to be on hand at the practice tonight at 8 o'clock at the club house. This is important.

A hard game is scheduled on the home court on Friday night with the fast Y. M. C. A. team of St. Augustine. Every advantage must be taken to practice before that time. Some new men have signified their intentions of trying out for the first team, and it behooves every man to be on the job if he wishes to make or retain his place with the Palatka Quintet.

So far this season, practices have been very encouraging, as evinced by the game of Friday night.

GRIFFITH MOVING PICTURE ACTORS SAFE IN NASSAU

TOSSED ABOUT SINCE WEDNESDAY AND FORCED TO GO THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD—WERE GOING TO MAKE SCENES IN BAHAMA ISLANDS

(By United Press.)

MIAMI, Dec. 15—Confirmation of the safe arrival of the gasoline launch Rosandra at Nassau with members of the D. W. Griffith moving picture company of thirty-five persons was confirmed here this morning by a pilot of an aeroplane making regular trips between Miami and the Bahama Islands.

The party had been at sea since Wednesday when the boat was caught in a stiff gale. All were more or less worn out, having had to rotate in taking charge of the wheel. Two of the members of the crew were washed overboard, but were rescued. All were exhausted and the women members of the party went to bed.

Those in the party beside D. W. Griffith were Will J. Read, mayor of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a wealthy real estate operator, his 16-year-old daughter, Marion; Burton Mank, a hotel man; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clifton, Jack Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Suth, J. H. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bitzer, L. Bitzer, F. Steffos, F. Summers, Harold Dempster, Robert H. Alexander, Thelma Patton, C. MacQuartre, A. Randolph, Porter Strong, Edward Philpitt, Chas. Snyder, Abraham Hamburg, Logan B. Billingsley and Mattie N. Billingsley.

The Griffith company had been filming a picture at Miami, and had left for Nassau to obtain additional scenes. A stiff gale had been tearing across the coast for more than a week.

AMERICAN IS HELD BY VILLA BANDITS IN MOUNTAIN RETREATS

(By United Press.)

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 15—Fred C. Hugo, an American, captured by Villa bandits in the Muzquiz raid, is being held in the Elpino mountains, according to word reaching here today. The ten thousand ransom will not be paid if avoidable, said J. M. Dobie, who employed Hugo to manage a two hundred thousand acre ranch and is directing attempts to procure his release.

Release of Men Is Demanded.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—The dispatch of a new note to Mexico requesting the Carranza government to bring about the immediate release of two Americans taken prisoners by Villa was announced by Secretary of State Lansing today. Reports from the border said that two Americans were captured in Villas raid on Muzquiz.

HUNGRY MAN'S CRIME.

Kills One and Wounds Detective Attempting Arrest.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Walter Mulcare is dead and detective Armstrong was wounded by three bullets by John McHenry last night. McHenry claims he was cold and hungry with only fifteen cents in his pocket. He admits he killed the man and robbed him of a hundred and fifty dollars, and wounded the detective who attempted the arrest. He was arraigned today in police court.

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN IN STATE AFFAIRS BEGINS

REPRESENTATIVE FESS WOULD INCREASE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BY ADDING TWO MORE MEMBERS, TO BE WOMEN, TO ITS PERSONNEL

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Indicating increased attention political leaders are giving women in politics, Representative Fess of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, today will introduce a bill in the house providing for two women members of the civil service commission. He proposes to increase the membership of the committee from three to five.

"Recognition of women should start with the federal government," he said.

FLORIDA BAPTISTS GO OVER.

More Than Million and a Quarter Dollars Subscribed to Fund.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 15—Dr. S. B. Rogers, state director of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign in the Southern states and who has his headquarters here in Jacksonville, states that Florida, with an allotment of \$1,000,000, has already raised \$1,294,555, with many churches yet to be heard from in the state.

Even as it stands, the headquarters, at Nashville, report that Florida has exceeded in its quota all other states. The Nashville headquarters also report that practically every state in which the \$75,000,000 was to be raised has over-subscribed and also convey the information that the \$75,000,000 campaign is closely nearing \$100,000,000 raised and subscribed.

QUIETEST CHRISTMAS COMING SINCE 1913

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Christmas 1919 will be the least peaceful Yuletide since 1913, according to a survey of the situation today.

The bottom has fallen out of the war market. Whereas last year there were numerous armed conflicts raging as an aftermath of the great war, this Christmas finds most of them flickered out. The bolshevik front still exists, but they are ice-bound and there is little fighting, according to advices here.

As for industrial warfare, it is also dwindling. There are no more great strikes abroad, and in the United States the only big one is the steel strike, which apparently is not seriously affecting production.

"Reds" in the United States, it was learned, plotted an outbreak of terrorism for Christmas, which was to include sending bombs through the mails. The government is believed to have broken up this conspiracy and so disorganized the "reds" they will be incapable of interfering with peaceful citizens' holiday pleasures.

In Russia the bolsheviks are confronted by Tudenitch in the northwest, Denekin in the south and Kolchak in Siberia. These are the only real war fronts left, according to information at the state department, and they are largely inactive.

TEA ROOM MENU

St. Catherine's Guild tea room will serve the following menu Tuesday: Roast Pork Creamed Potatoes Tomato Salad Apple Dumpling with hard sauce, Coffee, tea and chocolate

GERMANY TO SIGN PEACE PACT AT ONCE

MAKE CONCILIATORY REPLY TO NOTE FROM ALLIES DEMANDING SIGNATURE TO PROTOCOL—SIGNATURE EXPECTED BEFORE END OF DECEMBER.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 15—The German reply to the Allies notes demanding signature of the Peace Treaty Protocol was submitted early today. Baron Von Lersner handed the note to Paul Dutasia, Secretary of the Peace Conference, with whom he discussed the contents. He declared Germany's intention to execute the Peace Treaty. He takes note of the Allies' promise to repatriate the German war prisoners, and then develops Germany's desires regarding the Scapflow incident. The reply, it is understood, is most conciliatory throughout. The impression prevails that Germany will sign the Protocol and exchange ratifications before the end of December. The Supreme Council won't take up the note before tomorrow.

SIGNS OF HARD WINTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15—Hundreds of Arctic birds are as far south as Maine and Michigan and that indicates a hard winter, according to John Burroughs, the naturalist, who was here today. He said he had seen many birds in Michigan and that they were unacquainted with man and very tame.

EXTENSION OF SUGAR EQUALIZATION BOARD TO BE PUT THROUGH

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—House leaders determined today that the resolution extending the sugar equalization board a year in order to keep prices from soaring shall pass before the Christmas adjournment. The bill is expected to be adopted in the same form as it passed the Senate. Action this week is imperative.

CONTRACT FOR CADET SCHOOL IN PUTNAM HOUSE SIGNED TODAY

Final signing of papers for the use of the Putnam House by the Seawannee Military Academy are to be signed by the Putnam National Bank today, according to Dr. George E. Welch, president of the bank.

Advance agents of the cadet school are here ready to put things in shape for the coming of the student body and instructors on January 5. There will be about 250 in the student body and thirty-five instructors.

The repairs for the present will consist of putting the rooms in order, repairing the heating apparatus and converting the lobby and dining room into class rooms.

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PRODUCTION OF COAL IS NOW NORMAL

PROBLEM NOW IS MAINLY TRANSPORTATION, PRESIDENT LEWIS DECLARED IN AN INTERVIEW AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO-DAY—CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS STOPPED.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Bituminous coal production should be back to normal today, President Lewis of the United Mine Workers, said after a visit to Secretary Tumulty at the White House today. The problem now is mainly transportation, said Lewis. The mines will produce more coal than the railroads, for a time, will be able to handle. Lewis said Secretary Green of the miners, will not appear in Judge Anderson's Court in Indianapolis tomorrow when contempt proceedings are resumed. He will be represented by Attorneys they said.

OIL BURNERS ON O. V.

First Trip Will Be Made With Them Next Wednesday.

Fully equipped with oil burning engines a special trip will be made by a passenger train over the Oklawaha Valley railway Wednesday morning, leaving Palatka at 8 o'clock and returning about 5 in the afternoon.

Officials of the road have issued invitations to a number of Palatka business men to make the trip, and many will go, despite the fact of the busy holiday season.

The O. V. is making progress under its present efficient management the officials doing everything possible to make the service over the line all that the patronage will justify.

CONTINUE DAIRY CLUBS.

F. C. Groover Again Puts Up Cash For Prizes In Work.

The Florida Dairy Association announces that the dairy club work started last April by F. C. Groover of Jacksonville, and the Home Demonstration Department at Tallahassee, will be continued another year, the club work to begin January 1st and close October 31st.

Mr. Groover has again put up \$450 in cash for prizes, a part of which will be used to reward individual effort, two liberal prizes being offered for best and next best success, in addition to prizes for club winnings.

HELD FOR MURDER OF SON

(By United Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 15—Mrs. Ethel Blake is held a prisoner at the Atlantic City hospital on a charge of the murder of her five-year-old son, Puddie, whose body was washed ashore for blocks from the home of the mother at Ventnor. Mrs. Blake, who is alleged to be a drug addict, is believed to have thrown the child into the water. The body was badly battered.

VIEW THE PLANETS.

Great planetary displays are predicted for Wednesday, December 17, according to astronomers. This is the day the world is supposed to come to an end by one alleged scientist. Local residents are not very much worried.